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The larger part of the following information was obtained by MR. HOMER W. BRAINARD, of Hartford, Conn., after a search through the early records of Hartford, Hebron, Bolton, and Colchester, Conn.

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The Gilbert Family of New England.

About 1645 there were five Gilberts in Hartford, Connecticut, or in that vicinity—Thomas, of Windsor, later of Springfield; John and Jonathan, of Hartford; Josiah, of Wethersfield, and Obadiah, of Fairfield. There is no documentary proof that they were brothers (but a descendant from Jonathan always said they were brothers and came over together). It is highly probable that they were descendants of a branch from the Gilberts of Devonshire, England, but the exact pedigree is not known.

Jonathan Gilbert in 1645, being about 27 years old, was a bachelor and land-holder in Hartford, and married Mary, daughter of Elder John White. Jonathan Gilbert was well acquainted with the Indian tongues, and often acted as interpreter between them and the English government, rendering important service by his facility in the language and his resolute bravery. He was generally selected as the leader in emergencies of danger and importance. He was a man of business, of respectability and enterprise, engaged in the trade and coasting business of the young colonies, possessed of great wealth for the day, collector of customs at Hartford, marshal of the colony—an office corresponding to that of high sheriff—a deputy to the General Court. He acquired large tracts of land in the different settlements, which he subsequently divided among his children. In 1646 he was engaged in difficult negotiations with Uncas and other Indian chiefs, who were at that time threatening the colonists. The records of the Commissioners of the United Colonies show that he was a most valued envoy during the troublous years 1653–'57. In March, 1657–'58, he was one of a troup of cavalry under command of Major John Mason.

Jonathan Gilbert during this time was actively pursuing his private enterprises. He may have temporarily resided at

Westfield, Mass. ("Wornoco"), where he had grants of land. In 1661 he received a grant of 300 acres of upland and 50 acres of meadow from the General Court of Connecticut.

His wife Mary (White) died in 1650.

He married, second, Mary, daughter of Hugh Wells, one of the founders of Hartford, who removed to Hadley about 1650. She was a niece of Governor Thomas Wells. He was peculiarly fortunate in his second wife, who was remarkable for her prudence and energy, which contributed greatly to his success, and who was honored in the lives of her children. He died December 10, 1682, aged 64, and his second wife died July 3, 1700, aged 74. They lie side by side in the ancient burial place at Hartford.

His will is found in vol. iv of the Hartford Probate Records, and is printed in full by Thornton in the New England Genealogical Register, vol. iv, 1850, p. 339. I give here abstracts only:

"To my dear & loving wife Mary Gilbert, the use of my dwelling house, homelotes, orchards, Gardens, Barn, Barnyards, outhouses, warehouse, that part of my Island above that which Is commonly known by the name of the Dutch Island all northward, as also that little land I bought of Mr. Callsey, as also that land I did exchange with Mr. James Richards, as also that pasture I bought of Andrew Warner, also my wood lot on the west side of Rocky Hill, during her widowhood, and till my son Samuel shall attain to the age of Twenty one years" and then "it is my wish that she shall peaceably surrender unto Samuel his quiet possession the aforesaid house and lands, save only what is here excepted, viz. the seller, great kitchen, & all the chambers over it & garret over the said kitchen, & half my warehouse, that is to say, the South end seller & room over the seller, and half my house lott, the East end of it. & half my barn & half my barnyard, for her use with also full use of water both in the well & pond on the lot without any interruption during her natural life & then immediately after her decease all the aforesaid housing and land I give to my son Samuel Gilbert & his heirs forever, he paying to his brother Ebenezer Gilbert Thirty pounds in Country pay.

"Item: I give to my son Jonathan Gilbert one half of the lands in the bounds of Haddam that I bought of Mr. James Bates & Thomas Shaylor, or twenty pounds in other estates which he the said Jonathan shall choose which is the completing of his portion to what I have done for him already."

The will mentions further my son Thomas Gilbert, son Nathaniel Gilbert, daughters Lydia Richelson, Sarah Belcher, Mary Holton, Hester Gilbert, Rachel Gilbert, and son Ebenezer Gilbert, grandchildren John Rossiter, Andrew Belcher, Jonathan Richelson. Dated Sept. 10, 1674.

Inventory, taken Feb. 12, 1682–'3 was £2484, 17 shil. 9d. Debts cash, £113.0 3d. Country pay £68, 14.6. Real estate £1312.

I have written of Jonathan Gilbert's land at Cold Spring, and of his having a grant there of 350 acres of land from the General Court. This was near Lamentation Hills, now in Berlin and Meriden, Conn. Another tract, of 300 acres, in the same locality was sold to Gilbert by Capt. Daniel Clark. The whole 650 acres came into possession by purchase of Mr. Andrew Belcher, of Boston, Gilbert's son-in-law. It was afterward confirmed to him by the court, and was long known as Belcher's Farm. It was the beginning of the settlement later known as Meriden, although this name occurs, as early as 1674, in Gilbert's will. Gilbert's son Ebenezer settled in Great Swamp Parish, now known as Kensington, on lands he received by his father's will. This was but a short distance from Meriden. These lands were in the town of Farmington at the time Jonathan[1] Gilbert was living.

Jonathan Gilbert was the chief inn-holder of Hartford, and in his house the General Court usually met, when in Hartford, when they did not sit at the meeting-house. Mrs. Mary Gilbert conducted the inn for many years after her husband's death. The will of Mrs. Mary Gilbert is dated May 23, 1700, and mentions "my son Thomas Gilbert, my son Samuel Gilbert, son Ebenezer Gilbert; my grandson Thomas Dickenson, son-in-law Charles Dickenson; daughters Lydia Chapman, Rachel Marshfield, and children of Sarah Belcher, my dau'r, deceased; the sons of my late grandson, Jonathan Richelson, deceased." The inventory was £562.13.7.

Children of Jonathan[1] Gilbert :

By wife, Mary White, who d. 1650 (they were married Jan. 29, 1645–'6)—

i. Jonathan[2], b. May 11, 1648.
ii. Mary[2], bapt. Dec. 17, 1649 ; m. (1) John Rossiter, (2) Samuel Holton.

By wife Mary Wells, b. 1626, d. July 3, 1700—

iii. Sarah[2], b. July 25, 1651 ; m. July 25, 1670, Capt. Andrew Belcher, of Boston.
iv. Lydia[2], b. Oct. 3, 1654 ; m. (1) Jonathan Richardson, of Stonington, (2) —— Chapman.
v. Nathaniel[2] ; d. unmarried.
vi. Thomas[2] ; of Boston ; m. (1) Lydia Ballett, (2) Mrs. Mary Trowbridge.
vii. Samuel[2], b. 1663 ; m. Mary Rogers.
viii. Ebenezer[2], b. —— ; m. —— ——.
ix. Rachel[2] ; m. Sept. 22, 1686, Josiah Marshfield.
x. Hester[2] ; m. Charles Dickenson.

Jonathan[2] Gilbert (Jonathan[1]), b. May 11, 1648, in Hartford ; d. Feb. 1, 1698, in Middletown, Conn.; m. June 22 (date gone, probably 1679). Dorathy Stow, b. Aug. 1, 1659, in Middletown, Ct. (perhaps in Charlestown, Mass.), dau. of Rev. Samuel and Hope (Fletcher) Stow, of Middletown, Ct. Hope was dau. of Mr. William Fletcher. Mrs. Dorathy Gilbert d. July 14, 1699, in Middletown.

Jonathan was somewhat erratic in his youth, and by his father's will, written in 1674, Jonathan received a much smaller legacy than his brothers. He appealed to the General Court in 1684 for relief, saying that he was "the oldest son by the first wife ;" that he had become fully reconciled to his father, who approved his marriage to Rev. Mr. Stowe's daughter. The court, with the consent of Mrs. Mary (Wells) Gilbert, granted him a considerable increase from his father's estate. He left no will, and his estate was involved at his death. His inventory is found, vol. 6, pp. 96–'7, Hartford Prob. Records.

Children recorded in Middletown:

i. Mary[3], b. May 18, 1680; living in 1698.
ii. Jonathan[3], b. Mar. 31, 1681 ; d. same day.
iii. Mehitabel[3], b. Feb. 8, 1681–'2 (*sic*); not alive in 1698.
iv. John[3], b. June 30, 1683 ; living in 1698.
v. Fifth child, b. Feb. 8 ; d. Feb. 27, 1684–'5.

vi. Sixth child, b. Apr. 11 ; d. Apr. 28, 1686.
vii. Jonathan[3], b. ——, 1688 ; 10 years old in 1698–'9.
viii. Nathaniel[3], b. Dec. 27, 1689.
ix. Sarah[3], b. ——, 1696? About 3 years old in 1698–'9.
x. ? Ebenezer[3], b. ——; d. Mar. 21, 1717–'8.

Not mentioned in the distribution of the estate:

John[3] Gilbert (Jonathan[2], Jonathan[1]) died in Middletown, shortly before 29 Dec., 1729, when adm. on his estate was granted to his brother Nathaniel Gilbert. Inventory £369.10.1. He was m. and left a minor son, Eleazer, 18 years old in 1728.

Nathaniel[3] Gilbert, Lieutenant, Middletown (Jonathan[2], Jonathan[1]), died Apr. 19, 1756 ; m. Mar. 1, 1715–'6, Hannah Allen [b. Mar. 6, 1699], dau. of Deacon Thomas and Hannah (Leek) Allen, of Middletown, who m. May 4, 1698. She d. Oct. 15, 1724, at Middletown.

Ch. recorded Middletown:

i. Allen[4], b. May 17, 1717.
ii. Hannah[4], b. Sept. 10, 1718.
iii. Dorathy[4], b. May 6. 1721 ; d. Oct. 4, 1743.
iv. Nathaniel[4], b. Dec. 4, 1723.

M. (2) Dec. 4, 1726, Elizabeth Prout. Elizabeth, widow and relict of Lt. Nathaniel Gilbert, d. Sept. 1, 1776, at Middletown.

Children:

v. Elizabeth[4], b. Dec. 15, 1727 ; d. Mar. 9, 1727–'8.
vi. Eunice[4], b. Apr. 12, 1730
vii. Elizabeth[4], b. Feb. 15, 1728–'9.
viii. Ebenezer[4], b. June 16, 1731.

Will of Dea. Thomas Allen, of Middletown, dated Dec. 1, 1733 (red. Dec. 3, 1733), vol. 11, p. 325, Hartford Prob. Rec., mentions my dau. Hannah Gilbert, deceased; her eldest son, Allyn Gilbert, and her son Nathaniel, and daus. Hannah and Dorathy. Inventory, £2154.8.4—a large estate.

Nathaniel[4] Gilbert, Jr., Lieutenant, Middletown (Nathaniel[3], Jonathan[2], Jonathan[1]) ; m. Dec. 26, 1744, Mary Butler [b. July 28, 1726]; probably dau. Peter and Phoebe (Stow) Butler, of Middletown, who were m. Dec. 18, 1723. Peter Butler d. Sept. 24, 1732.

Ch. recorded in Middletown:

i. Dorathy[5], b. Oct. 5, 1745.
ii. Butler[5], b. Oct. 22, 1747.
iii. Nathaniel[5], b. April 23, 1750.
iv. Thomas[5], b. April 1, 1752.
v. Hannah[5], b. June 17, 1754.
vi. Allen[5], b. April 23, 1756.
vii. Giles[5], b. April 21, 1759.
viii. Molly[5], b. Sept. 18, 1764; m. Col. Joseph Cornwall, Aug. 11, 1784.

Nathaniel[4] Gilbert moved to New Lebanon, N. Y., in February, 1785, and on Mar. 22, 1787, was accidentally drowned in his own mill pond. Mrs. Mary Butler Gilbert d. Aug. 28, 1814.

The epitaph on his tombstone reads as follows:

"Beneath this stone in peaceful slumber lies,
Gilbert the just, benevolent and wise,
His dust shall live and its glad spirit join,
And rise to life immortal and divine."

Samuel[2] Gilbert (Jonathan[1]), b. about 1663 in Hartford; m. Oct. 2, 1684, Mary Rogers, b. in New London, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Stanton) of New London, Ct. Samuel Rogers, her father, was born in Stratford, Ct., Dec. 12, 1640, son of James and Elizabeth (Rowland) Rogers, of Stratford, Milford, and New London, Conn. Samuel Rogers married 17 Nov., 1662 (or 1664), Mary, dau. of Thomas Stanton. Thomas Stanton was of New London. His wife was a dau. of the first Thomas Lord of Hartford. Samuel Gilbert lived in Hartford, on the lands given him by his father's will, from his marriage, at the age of 21, until 1707. He was commissioned ensign of the train band in Hartford at the October session of the General Court in 1698. Hartford deeds show that he removed to Colchester between Feb. 27 and March 10, 1707. He was confirmed captain of the train band at Colchester in May, 1707. His lands were in the eastern and southern parts of Colchester, some in what is now the town of Salem, and in the northern parish of New London, now the town of Montville, where was the farm Mrs. Mary Gilbert had received from her father, Samuel Rogers, in 1698. Deeds at Colchester show that he was an inhabitant of Colchester as late as Feb. 3, 1715, and probably until 1724.

Apr. 8, 1724.—"I, Capt. Samuel Gilbert, late of Colchester, now of Lyme, to Joseph Otis of Scituate, for £270, all my farm of 280 acres in Colchester." The Lyme residence would now be in the limits of the present town of Salem.

He died Aug. 5, 1733, aged 70. Mary, his wife, died Sept. 30, 1756, in 91st year. These inscriptions are printed in N. E. Gen. Register, vol. xii, p. 54. In order to verify them I looked these stones out. They are situated in a field a few rods east of the house of Mr. Alvah Morgan, of Salem, Ct. They are dislocated and almost illegible from lapse of time, being the native gray schist rock of the region. The stone of Capt. Samuel Gilbert seemed to read Aug. 9 instead of Aug. 5, as stated above; but as the inscription was almost effaced, I would not desire to be positive in statement. With these stones was that of Mr. John Gilbert, who died Nov. 22, 1755, aged 63 (a son of Capt. Samuel Gilbert), and Daniel Gilbert, who d. Oct. 19, 1784, in 82d year (probably a son of Capt. Samuel Gilbert).

Children of Samuel[2] and Mary (Rogers) Gilbert (probably all born in Hartford):

i. Jonathan[3], b. Jan. 25, 1685.

ii. Samuel[3], b. Feb. 5, 1687–'8; m. Mercy Warner.

iii Nathaniel[3], b. Sept. 26, 1690; lived in New London, Colchester, and Coventry, Conn.; m. Feb. 8, 1720–'1, Mary Bissell (Colchester records). Was living in Coventry in 1736, and probably longer.

iv. John[3], b. Apr. 12, 1692; d. Nov. 22, 1755, aged 63; m., perhaps, Anna Rogers, his cousin, b. Apr. 24, 1698.

v. Mary[3], b. Dec. 2, 1696.

vi. Daniel[3], b. 1702; d. Oct. 19, 1784, in 82d year.

Judge Coit, of New London, tells me that no will of Samuel[2] Gilbert is to be found there, where it should be, if there was one. He probably made deeds of gift to his sons in his lifetime. Two such I have found, namely: Colchester Deeds, vol. ii. I, Capt. Samuel Gilbert, late of Colchester, now of Lyme, New London Co., to son Nathaniel Gilbert, of Colchester, Oct. 3, 1720. Same to loving son John Gilbert, of Lyme, Nov. 23, 1727. Probably son Daniel may have had the homestead.

Capt. Samuel Gilbert became a resident of Lyme late in life, and the town records contain little about him. The only reference to be found is the following : September 26, 1723, Gilbert Bant, of Boston, gave a bill of sale to Capt. Samuel Gilbert, of Lyme, of a negro man, Peter, and Jan. 20, 1732–'3, Samuel Gilbert gave said negro Peter to his son Daniel Gilbert, reserving to himself and his wife the use of the servant during their lives.

Samuel[3] Gilbert (Samuel[2], Jonathan 1[1]), b. Feb. 5, 1687–'8, in Hartford; died May 1, 1760, in Hebron, Ct.; m. (date unknown, probably about 1706–'7), Mercy, dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Boltwood) Warner, b. Sept. 25, 1685, at Deerfield, Mass. She d. at Hebron, Ct., Oct. 13, 1759. Samuel[3] Gilbert settled in Hebron about 1718. Previous to that date he appears to have lived in Colchester, where it is probable that most, if not all, of his children were born.

Children of Samuel[3] and Mercy Gilbert:

i. Lydia[4], b. Sept 4, 1707, in Colchester ; d. young.
ii. Mercy[4], b. Oct. 4, 1709, in Colchester ; d. young.
iii. Samuel[4], b. Oct. 16, 1711, in Colchester.
iv. Sarah[4], b. about 1713 ; not recorded ; m. —— Carter.
v. John[4], b. about 1715 ; not recorded ; m. Abigail ——. John d. Jan. 19, 1794 ; she d. Aug. 15, 1796.
vi. Elisha[4], b. Dec. 10, 1717, in Hebron.
vii. Mary[4], b. Aug. 24, 1719, in Hebron ; m. —— Curtis.
viii. Hannah[4], b. April 8, 1722, in Hebron ; m. —— Mann.
ix. Ezra[4], b. May 23, 1726, in Hebron.
x. Mercy[4], b. Nov. 17, 1728, in Hebron ; m. Daniel Dart, Jr.
xi. Ebenezer[4], b. April 9, 1732, in Hebron.

Andrew[1] Warner, Cambridge, 1632; Hartford, 1639; Hadley, 1660; d. Dec. 18, 1684 ; first wife unknown; m. (2) Esther, widow of Thomas Selden, of Hartford. She d. 1693. His son, Isaac[2] Warner, b. about 1645, removed to Northfield and back to Deerfield, Mass., where he died in 1690 or 1691. He m. May 31, 1666, Sarah, dau. of Robert Boltwood; she m. (2) Dec. 20, 1696, Dea. John Loomis, of Windsor, Ct. Their tenth child, Mercy Warner, b. Sept. 25, 1685, m. Samuel[3] Gilbert, of Hebron, Ct.

The earliest land purchase of Samuel Gilbert in Hebron is found in Deeds Book 1, p. 225. Nathaniel Dewey, of Lebanon,

and Joseph Dewey, of Hebron, deeded 100 acres in Hebron, with dwelling-house and two barns, to Samuel Gilbert, of Hebron; date, Dec. 11, 1718. The deed was acknowledged before Michael Taintor, justice of the peace in Colchester, and this marks very closely the date of his settling in Hebron, although as his son Samuel's birth, Oct. 16, 1711, was in Colchester, perhaps all we can safely say is that he settled in Hebron some time between 1711 and 1718, the latter date being probably the nearest.

Will of Samuel[3] Gilbert, of Hebron.

"In the name of God, Amen. Ye 20th day of Sept. 1754 I Samuel Gilbert of Hebron in the County of Hartford & Colony of Connecticut in New England, being in Health and in perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given to God therefor, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to Die, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say especially and first of all I give and Recomend my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it and my Body I recomend to the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian Buryal at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again By the mighty Power of God and as touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I give, devise & Dispose of the Same in Manner following:

"Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto Mercy my Dearly Beloved wife whom I make constitute and ordain my Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, one third Part of all my movable Estate to be at her own Disposall and one Third Part of all my other estate to Improve all her life Time.

"Item. I give to my well-beloved son Ebenezer Gilbert whom I constitute my executor with my Wife of this my last Will and Testament, all my Houses and lands and my Part of the Mill and my Tools belonging to the Mill Excepting the Improvements above written and his Providing for Mercy, my wife, all things needful for her Comfort During her life and a Decent Christian Buryal at or after her Death and allso I give him slough Irons and Chairs. Item. I give unto my son

Samuel Gilbert my great Bible which he shall not have till his mother Deseaseth. Item. I give to my five daughters all my movable Estate to be equally divided between them Excepting what is given to others in this Will. Item. I give to my son Jno. Gilbert out of my movable estate £5 old Tenor. Item. I give to my son *Elisha Gilbert* all my wearing cloathes. Item. I give to my son Ezra Gilbert out of my movable Estate £5 old Tenor, and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke and Disannull all and Every other former Testaments or Wills, Legacys and Bequests and Executors by me in any way before made, willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereoff I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal ye Day and Year above written.

"SAMUEL GILBERT [SEAL.]

"Signed, sealed, published, Pronounced and Declared by said Samuel Gilbert as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers

"JON WHITE
"ANNE WHITE
"ANNA WHITE JR."

"Court of Probate, *ss.* Hebron, June 16, 1760. Then ye above was duly proved. Fully approved. Ordered to be recorded, Ebenezer Gilbert, Executor therein named, accepting ye Trust Reposed in him. Teste, Asahel Phelps, clerk prob. Inventory, May 22, 1760, was £161.13.6."

This will is found in the records of the East Haddam probate district, at Colchester, Conn. It is to be noted that no real estate is disposed of in this will. It is probable that Samuel Gilbert had provided his sons with farms as they became of age. Later I shall name a deed whereby he provided his son *Elisha* with a farm in Bolton, and doubtless deeds could be found whereby he provided for each of the other sons. The names of his daughters and their husbands, not mentioned in this will, are supplied from the will of his son John[4] Gilbert, who died 1794, Jan. 19. This will is found

recorded at Andover, Conn. (Since writing the last two sentences I found the record of Samuel Gilbert's children who were born in Hebron.)

Elisha[4] Gilbert (Samuel[3], Samuel[2], Jonathan[1]), b. Dec. 10, 1717, probably in Hebron, the oldest child of Samuel[3] Gilbert recorded in Hebron. He married in Hebron, Oct. 25, 1738, Abigail Curtice. Their son Joseph was born in Hebron Dec. 30, 1739. Elisha[4] settled in Bolton about 1742, where he bought land of John Bissell. (See deed No. 1.) He married Hannah Adams, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Collins) Adams, b. July 4, 1722, in Colchester. He sold out there in 1749 or 1750 and removed to the State of New York.

Children born to them:

i. John[5], b. May 14, 1743, at Bolton, d. young.
ii. Abigail[5], b. Sept. 14, 1744, at Bolton, d. Jan. 25, 1748–'9.
iii. Elisha[5], b. Feb. 20, 1745–'6, at Bolton, d. Jan. 12, 1823.
iv. Hannah[5], b. Aug. 14, 1748, at Bolton.
v. Abigail[5], b. March 19, 1749
vi. Samuel[5], b. about 1750, in New Lebanon, d. Jan. 1, 1816.
vii. John[5], b. Dec. —, 1759, in Oblong, N. Y., d. in Upper Canada.
viii. Benjamin[5], b. ——, in New Canaan, N. Y.
ix. Lydia[5], b. ——.
x. Polly[5], b. ——.

Elisha[4] died in New Lebanon, N. Y., July 23, 1796, in his 81st year.

Hannah[4] died in New Lebanon, N. Y., July 31, 1806, in her 85th year.

Elisha[4] Gilbert's land transactions in Bolton:

1. Vol. ii, p. 360. John Bissell, of Bolton, for £68 to me in hand or secured to be paid by Samuel Gilbord, of Hebron, do grant unto Elisha Gilbord, of Bolton, 34 x 4½ acres; also lot in Cedar swamp (now Willimantic reservoir, near Quarryville), May 28, 1742.

2. Vol. ii, p. 382. Thomas Brooks, of Bolton, for £36, old tenor, to Elisha Gilbert, of Bolton, 10 acres, with "a small mantion house standing thereon," Apr. 6, 1744.

3. Vol. ii, p. 467. Joseph Stedman, Jr., of Windsor, for £15, old tenor, to Elisha Gilbert, of Bolton, 10 acres, May 15, 1745.

4. Vol. ii, p. 468. Joseph Haspins for £40, old tenor, to Elisha Gilbert, of Bolton, Apr. 25, 1746.

5. Vol. ii, p. 590. Joseph Fitch, of Windsor, to Elisha Gilbert, of Bolton, for £10, old tenor, July 10, 1746.

6. Vol. ii, p. 361. Elisha Gilbert, of Bolton, to Samuel Gilbert, Jr., of Hebron (land of No. 1), Jan. 18, 1743–'4.

7. Vol. 3, p. 44. Elisha Gilbert, of Bolton, for £250, old tenor, to John Searls, of Windsor, pieces in No. 2 and 3 above, Aug. 14, 1749.

Elisha Gilbord's ear-mark is a crop on the near ear, entered Aug. 25, 1748, Bolton. Taken up in a suffering condition by Elisha Gilbord, of Bolton, a Brown heffer, white on her back, & white under her Belly, and white on ye end of her taile, two years old & vantage. No mark. Taken up Oct. 10, 1743. Entered Oct. 13, 1743. Bolton records.

Nathaniel[3] (Samuel[2], Jonathan[1]), b. Sept. 26, 1690, in Hartford. He m. Feb. 8, 1720–'21, Mary Bissell,* according to Colchester records; owned land in Colchester adjoining his father's as early as June 26, 1713; was of Colchester in 1715 and 1720, of Coventry in 1725 and 1727.

Children:

i. Mary[4], b. Nov. 19, 1721, in Colchester.
ii. Samuel[4], b. Jan. 31, 1723–'4, in Colchester.
iii. Nathaniel[4], b. Oct. 3, 1725, in Coventry.
iv. Lois[4], b. Oct. 8, 1727, in Coventry.
v. Thomas[4], b. Sept. 25, 1731, in Coventry.
vi. Ebenezer[4], b. Aug. 3, 1733, in Coventry.
vii. Elisha[4], b. May 25, 1736, in Coventry.

All but the two oldest of these children were baptized at Bolton, and it is highly probable that the family lived near the western line of Coventry and attended church in Bolton, as did Thomas Adams and his family.

Nathaniel[4] Gilbert, Jr., of Coventry, m. June 4, 1747, Hannah Fowler.

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*Mary Bissell, b. Nov. 27, 1701, in Windsor, Conn., dau. of Daniel[3] (John[2], John[1]) and Margaret (Dewey) Bissell, of E. Windsor. They were married 27 Oct., 1692. He d. 9 Dec., 1738. She d. 27 Nov., 1712.

Ch., recorded Coventry :

i. Eunice, b. Apr. 7, 1748.
ii. Hannah, b. Nov. 23, 1751.
iii. Isaac, b. Jan. 4, 1755.
iv. Mary, b. Sept. 3, 1755.
v. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1757.
vi. Anne, b. Apr. 29, 1761.

Thomas[5] Gilbert (Nathaniel[4], Samuel[3], Jonathan[2]), m. Nov. 18, 1757, Rachel Gilbert.

Ch., recorded Coventry :

i. Salla, b. Aug. 16, 175- (1758?).
ii. Susannah, b. May 24, 1761.
iii. Irene, b. Aug. 16, 1763.

Samuel[5] Gilbert (Nathaniel[4], etc.), m. Abigail Oct. 31 (1745?). Date gone. Coventry records.

Children :

i. Anne, born Oct. 7 (1746?). Date gone.
ii. Daniel, b. Feb. 21, 1747-'8. Bolton records.

He removed from Coventry to Bolton in 1747 or '48.

Samuel Gilbord's ear-mark reg. Apr. 3, 1749. Vol. 2, p. 608, Bolton deeds. John Searl, of Bolton, to Samuel Gilbord, of Coventry, "land in Bolton, with my mantion house." Dec. 8, 1748. *Ibid.*, p. 612. William Brown, of Bolton, to Samuel Gilbert, of Bolton, Feb. 9, 1748-'9.

Pedigree of Hannah Adams, wife of Elisha[4] Gilbert :

George[1] Adams, glover, wife Frances ——, came to Watertown, Mass., in 1645. He sold his land in Watertown Nov. 4, 1664, and took up his residence in that part of Cambridge which is now Lexington. He was a proprietor at Nashua or Lancaster as early as Oct. 5, 1647, but appears not to have resided there for more than brief intervals, if at all. This is not surprising, as Lancaster was a frontier post, exposed to the inroads of the Indians, for many years. The house-lot of Jonas Fairbank in Lancaster had originally belonged to George Adams, whose right fell to the town through his inaction and neglect.

Monday, 6, 12-mo., 1670 (Feb. 16, 1671, new style), a grant of land in Lancaster was made to George and John Adams,

signed by their marks. George Adams' right was bought by Francis Fullam.

May 28, 1684, George Adams living out of town. His rates (*i. e.*, tax), 5 shil. 8 pence. George Adams was killed Oct. 10, 1696, by a fall of rock, on his farm at Cambridge, according to verdict of coroner's jury. Paige's Cambridge, p. 479; also records of Lancaster.

The date of the death of his wife Frances is not found. She survived him.

The relationship of George Adams to the other early Adamses of Massachusetts Bay is not certainly known. It has been guessed, however, that he was a nephew of Henry Adams, of Braintree (ancestor of President John Adams), and a brother of John Adams, of Cambridge.

Children:

i. John[2], b. Oct. 16, 1645; m. Abigail Pinney.

ii. George[2], b. —— —, 1647; m. (1) Martha Fishe 20th Jan., 1683–'4; m. (2) Judith ——, and had a large family at Cambridge.

iii. Daniel[2], b. about 1652; m. 20th Sept., 1677, Mary Pinney, of Windsor, Ct.; settled in Simsbury, where he had numerous descendants. He d. in Simsbury, Conn., Nov. 7, 1713, aged 61. Mary, his wife, d. middle of March, 1715; left a will; had 10 children.

iv. Joseph[2], b. Mar. 6, 1657.

v. Mary[2], b. ——.

vi. Benjamin[2], b. —— ; died Oct. 26, 1672. Lancaster records.

To Mr. Brainard's report for Mrs. Bloss is added the following:

Elisha[5] Gilbert, b. Bolton, Conn., Feb'y 20, 1745–'6; m. Sarah Wheeler, b. Oct. 24, 1749.

He was a captain in Col. W. B. Whiting's regiment New York troops. His commission from Governor Clinton as captain therein is dated June 26, 1778, but he held the rank as early as Sept. 21, 1776, and commanded his company at the battle of Saratoga, September, 1777. His commission as "first major," by Governor Clinton, is dated June 13, 1791. He died in New Lebanon, N. Y., Jan'y 12, 1823. She died at New Lebanon, March 8, 1825.

Their only child was—

Elisha[6] Gilbert, b. May 25, 1768; m. Feb. 10, 1793, Ellen Vanderpoel, b. May 21, 1770, dau. of Abraham and Mary

Van Valkenberg Vanderpoel. He d. Dec. 7, 1857. She d. July 26, 1834.

Their children were—

Eliphalet Wheeler[7], b. Dec. 19, 1793; m. Lydia Hale Monroe, 1819.

Sylvester Pool[7], b. Sept. 11, 1795; m. Polly Vanderpoel, 1826.

Sallie, b. July 9, 1797.

John Marshall[7], b. Jan'y 31, 1799; m. Amanda E. Betts, Nov. 27, 1822.

Horatio Nelson[7], b. Nov. 1, 1800; m. Julia Ann Peirce, 1826.

Polly[7], b. Oct. 17, 1802.

Elisha[7], b. June 7, 1805; m. Elizabeth Baldwin.

David Polk[7], b. Jan'y 2, 1807; m. Maria Spencer, 1832.

Sarah Ann[7], b. March 20, 1810; m. Erastus Patterson, Oct. 24, 1832.

Mrs. Bloss' descent from Jonathan Gilbert is as follows:

1. Jonathan Gilbert, b. 1618, d. 1682; m. Mary Wells (2d wife), b. 1626, d. 1700.

2. Their son Samuel, of Hartford and Colchester, b. 1663, d. 1733; m. Mary Rogers, of New London, b. 1667, d. 1756.

3. Their son Samuel, of Hebron, b. in Hartford 1688, d. 1760; m. Mercy Warner, b. 1685, d. 1759.

4 Their son Elisha, b. 1717, d. 1796; m. Hannah Adams, b. 1722, d. 1806.

5. Their son Elisha, b. 1746, d. 1823; m. Sarah Wheeler, b. 1749, d. 1825.

6. Their son Elisha, b. 1768, d. 1857; m. Ellen Vanderpoel, b. 1770, d. 1834.

7. Their son John Marshall, b. 1799, d. 1864; m. Amanda E. Betts, b. 1799, d. 1857.

8. Their daughter Sarah, b. 1830; m. John B. Bloss (Washington, D. C., Oct. 12, 1858), b. 1830.

The history of the Gilberts of Old England is an interesting one, and some of it will be found in J. Wingate Thornton's articles in the New England Genealogical Register, vol. 4, p. 233 *et seq.* and p. 339 *et seq.*

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